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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action, the Patent Office issued a four-way restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 as follows:

- Group I - Claims 1 to 39
- Group II - Claims 1 to 12, 19 to 32 and 48
- Group III - Claims 39 to 47
- Group IV - Claims 49 to 51

Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, for examination. The Patent Office has not demonstrated that there is a serious burden on the Patent Office if restriction is required.

Examination on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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